(c) whether the Industrial Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) loan to various power projects of substantial amount was cancelled in 1994; and

(d) if so, the reasons for non-utilisation of external assistance particularly in view of the resource crunch in the country; and

(e) the proposals of the Government to mobilise resources for these power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (e). The cumulative position of undisbursed balance of external assistance for power projects for the last three years was as follows:

(Rs. in crores)

Year ended 31st March	Total External Assistance
1993-94	28160
1994-95	18899
1995-96	18412

The loans are sanctioned for a particular project which take few years for completion and hence the external assistance is spent over a period ot time. Hence the loans include external assistance for projects which still have several years of utilisation period left. Therefore, undisbursed balance would exist at all points of time.

During 1993-94, the World Bank cancelled loan for Karnataka-I & II (US $ 468 million) due to non-compliance of loan covenants established by the World Bank with the project implementing agencies. The State Government of Karnataka have made alternative funding arrangements for these projects. The loans for Farakka II (US $ 22 million), Talcher Thermal (US $ 8 million) and National Capital Power (US $ 35 million) were also cancelled in 1993-94 as these loans could not be utilised due to savings. These projects have since been completed.

The reason for slow utilisation of external loans in some projects primarily has been the paucity of counterpart funds with States/implementing agencies, delay in acquisition of land and contractual issues including delay in supply of equipment and execution of actual works.

LPG Agencies

*6. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the name of places in Bihar for which advertisements for allocating LPG agencies appeared during the last three years;

(b) the reasons for not setting up LPG agencies there so far; and

(c) the location-wise details of inclusion of such places in marketing plan, advertisement and the dates of interview?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c). The Oil Companies have advertised 130 LPG distributorships at different places in Bihar during the three years, i.e. 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96.

Out of the above, selections have been held for 30 LPG distributorships, of which 24 distributorships have since been commissioned and the balance six are under different stages of development. Selections in respect of remaining 100 cases could not be made owing to non-functioning of the OSB, Bihar.

[Translation]

Power Grid in Bihar

*7. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mirganj and Rupali Power Grid in Puana district is lying incomplete;

(b) whether any request has been made by the State Government of Bihar for early commissioning of this grid;

(c) whether irrigation facility is likely to be made available to lakhs of farmers by commissioning this grid;

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government for restarting the work on the said projects; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b). Power is supplied to Mirganj and Rupali at 11 KV from 33/11 KV power sub-station at Maranga. The 33/11 KV Sub-station at Maranga receives power from the 132/33 KV sub-station at Purnea. These sub-stations are owned and operated by the Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB). The 33/11 KV sub-station at Mirganj was commissioned in 1981-82 and presently rectification work is under progress. Another 33/11 KV sub-station at Rupali is under construction.

No request has been received from the Government of Bihar for construction of 132/33 KV sub-stations at Mirganj and Rupali.

(c) to (e). Do not arise.

[English]

Demand and Supply of Power

*8. SHRI A. SAMPATH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the present demand and supply of power in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have also made assessment in regard to demand during ensuing years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to fill up the gap between demand and supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) The energy requirement and supply position State-wise during the period April-October, 1996 is given in the enclosed Statement.

(b) and (c). An assessment covering energy requirement and peak demand during the period 1997-2002 was made by the Central Electricity Authority in the 15th Electricity Power Survey Report. The details are as under :

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
Energy Requirement (Billion units)	436	469	502	536	570
Peak Load (MW)	73,458	78,936	84,666	90,093	95,757

(d) The measures taken to reduce the gap between demand and supply of power include the following.

(i) Capacity addition.

(ii) Demand side management measures.

(iii) Renovation and modernisation of existing plants.

(iv) Energy conservation.

(v) Reduction of T & D losses.

(vi) Effective utilisation of generation by transfer from surplus regions to deficit regions through inter-regional links.

STATEMENT

Energy Requirement and Actual Supply Position State-wise during the period April-October, 1996

(All figures in MU net)

Region/State/System	Requirement	Availability	Shortage	% Age
1	2	3	4	5
Northern Region				
Chandigarh	542	542	. 0	0.0
Delhi	8585	8433	152	1.8
Haryana	8260	8116	144	1.7
Himachal Pradesh	1290	1290	0	0.0
Jammu and Kashmir	2503	2079	424	16.9
Punjab	13870	13616	254	1.8
Rajasthan	10375	10219	156	1.5
Uttar Pradesh	23290	20441	2849	12.2
N.R.	*68715*	*64736*	*3979*	*5.8*
Western Region				
Gujarat	21225	19469	1756	8.3
Madhya Pradesh	17010	15387	1623	9.5
Maharashtra	33535	31986	1549	4.6
Goa	731	731	0	0.0
W.R.	*72501*	*67573*	*4928*	*6.8*
Southern Region				
		17434	5756	24.8

1	2	3	4	5
Karnataka	14060	10297	3763	26.8
Kerala	6435	4863	1572	24.4
Tamil Nadu	20970	17911	3059	14.6
S.R.	*64655*	*50505*	*14150*	*21.9*
Eastern Region				
Bihar	5580	3994	1586	28.4
DVC	4875	4723	152	3.1
Orissa	6015	5799	216	3.6
West Bengal	9110	8938	172	1.9
E.R.	*25580*	*23454*	*2126*	*8.3*
North-Eastern Region				
Arunachal Pr.	95.6	49.0	46.6	48.7
Assam	1759.8	1601.2	158.6	9.0
Manipur	217.7	200.4	17.3	7.9
Meghalaya	212.9	212.9	0.0	0.0
Mizoram	101.0	86.7	14.3	14.2
Nagaland	100.6	85.1	15.5	15.4
Tripura	270.4	210.7	59.7	22.1
N.E.R.	*2758.0*	*2446.0*	*312.0*	*11.3*
All India	234209	208714	25495	10.9

Power Crisis in Delhi

9. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that power crisis looms large over Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether railways shall no longer carry coal to any power stations unless freight charges are paid in advance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) At present there is no power crisis in Delhi.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). The Government has taken a decision effective from 1st Oct., 1996 that coal will be transported to power stations by the Railways only on 'pre-payment' of freight. However, due to poor financial position, DESU, is unable to make full payment for the power supplied from Badarpur Thermal Power Station (BTPS). The Railways have agreed to transport coal to Badarpur Thermal Power Station on credit basis till 31st Dec., 1996. From Jan., 1997 onward, DESU has been directed to make full payment of current dues to Badarpur Thermal Power Station to enable them to make pre-payment to the Railways for movement of coal.

Delhi Rent Control Act

*10. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received representations in this regard;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received representations in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have since made amendments in the Delhi Rent Control Act; and

(d) if so, the time by which the Act is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d). Government has been receiving a large number of representations requesting amendments to some of the provisions of the Act and others requesting